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Bankruptcy Judge

Date of Birth: 1946  
Education: Seton Hall 1972 JD  
Began Service: February 2, 2001

**Legal Practice:** Gibbons, Del Dio, Dolan, Griffinger & Vecchione  
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Education: Lafayette 1962 BS; Rutgers (Newark) 1965 LLB; NYU 1975 LLM  
Began Service: December 27, 2001  
Term Expires: December 26, 2015

**Academic:** Adjunct and Visiting Professor, School of Law - Newark,  
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**Michael B. Kaplan**  
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**Bruce D. Black**  
Chief District Judge

Date of Birth: 1947  
Education: Albion 1969 BA; Michigan 1971 JD  
Began Service: January 18, 1996  
Appointed By: President William J. Clinton  
Political Affiliation: Democrat

**Judicial:** Judge, New Mexico Court of Appeals (1991-1996)

**Legal Practice:** Associate, Modrall, Sperling, Roehl, Harris & Sisk, P.A.  
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**Martha A. Vázquez**  
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1953  
Education: Notre Dame 1975 BA, 1979 JD  
Began Service: 1993  
Appointed By: President William J. Clinton  
Political Affiliation: Democrat

**Current Memberships:** American Bar Association; New Mexico Women's  
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**M. Christina Armijo**  
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1951  
Education: New Mexico 1972 BA, 1975 JD  
Began Service: November 15, 2001  
Appointed By: President George W. Bush  
Political Affiliation: Republican

**Judicial:** Judge, New Mexico Court of Appeals (1996-2001)

**Legal Practice:** Staff Attorney, Sandoval County Legal Services  
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**Current Memberships:** The Oliver Seth American Inn of Court, The  
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**William P. Johnson**  
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1959  
Education: Virginia Military Inst 1981 BA; Washington and Lee 1985 JD  
Began Service: December 28, 2001  
Appointed By: President George W. Bush

**Judicial:** Judge, New Mexico Fifth Judicial District Court (1995-2001)

**Legal Practice:** Associate, Bracewell & Patterson, L.L.P. (1985-1986);  
Associate, Hinkle, Hensley, Shanor & Martin, L.L.P. (1986-1989); Partner,  
Hinkle, Hensley, Shanor & Martin, L.L.P. (1990-1995)

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**James O. Browning**  
District Judge

Education: Yale 1978 BA; Virginia 1981 JD  
Began Service: August 6, 2003  
Appointed By: President George W. Bush

**Clerkships:** Law Clerk, Circuit Judge Collins J. Seitz, United States Court of  
Appeals for the Third Circuit (1981-1982); Law Clerk Lewis F. Powell, Jr.,  
Supreme Court of the United States (1982-1983)

**Government:** Deputy Attorney General, Office of the Attorney General,  
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**Legal Practice:** Associate, Rodey, Dickason, Sloan, Akin & Robb, P.A.  
(1983-1987)

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Term Expires: September 2011  
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